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Administration of Justice

Eliciting public opinion on the Civil Courts Act Amending Bill.

* 678 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Advocates' Association has been consulted with regard to the Civil Courts Act Amending Bill, and if so, whether a copy of their opinion will be placed on the table of the House; and

(*b*) whether any other individuals or associations or bodies have been consulted in regard to the Bill; if so, whether a copy of the opinion of the said individuals or bodies will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No associations, bodies or individuals were consulted specifically on the Bill. However, prior to the framing of the Bill, the following bodies were consulted on certain proposals relating to the Court of Small Causes and the City Civil Court in Madras, one of which was the enhancement of the pecuniary jurisdicton of the latter court to Rs. 10,000:—

(1) The Madras Chamber of Commerce.
(2) The Southern India Chamber of Commerce.
(3) The Madras Trades Association.
(4) The Madras Bar Association.
(5) The Madras Advocates' Association.
(6) The Madras Bar Council.

The Southern India Chamber of Commerce was in favour of enhancing the pecuniary jurisdiction of the City Civil Court to Rs. 5,000. The other bodies have not expressed themselves in favour of the proposal to increase the pecuniary jurisdiction to Rs. 10,000. The Government do not consider it necessary to place the correspondence between these bodies and them in connexion with the proposals on the table of the House.

Electricity

Progress of the Electrification Scheme in Salem and Erode.

* 679 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the quantity is of electric current consumed in each month in the municipal area of Salem since its introduction;

(*b*) what the quantity consumed is in each month in the Erode municipal area since its introduction;

(*c*) whether the progress made in each of these municipal areas is satisfactory; and

(*d*) if the progress is not rapid, what it is due to?